

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over the Jung et al. (U.S. Patent 6,097,949) in view of Alanara (U.S. Patent 5,604,921), and further in view of Gaskill et al. (U.S. Patent 5,481,254).

Regarding the rejections of independent Claims 1, 3, and 5 under § 103 (a), the Examiner states that Jung in view of Alanara and further in view of Gaskill renders the claims unpatentable. Jung discloses a method for providing closed user group service in a mobile communication network; Alanara discloses a radiotelephone user interface for broadcast short message service; and, Gaskill discloses group message delivery in a time-division multiplexed paging system.

Each of Claims 1, 3 and 5 recite, in part, that the transmittable codes or received code is “previously assigned to generic types and contents of broadcasting information and stored in a code table”. Claims 1, 3 and 5 allow a user to more efficiently use a communication channel and thus more information can be transmitted in a shorter period without the need of transmitting data over a longer period of time.

The Examiner alleges that Alanara and Gaskill disclose codes previously assigned to generic types and contents of broadcasting information and stored in a code table. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The Examiner bases the rejection on an assumption not disclosed in the cited references. Namely, the Examiner assumes that the codes “will thus need to be stored for use”, but neither Alanara nor Gaskill teaches storing in a code table codes previously assigned as recited in the claims of the present application.

In col. 2 and col. 6, Alanara states that a category field is coded. No reference to any type of coding is disclosed. No storing of any codes is disclosed. All that is disclosed is coding a category field. While this could reasonably relate to encoding as in a transmission, it does not relate to any coding of the type and content based on previously stored information.

Gaskill actually teaches away from the claims of the present application. Gaskill specifically states that a prearrangement between the persons is how the numbers on the pager are given meaning. No code table is mentioned in Gaskill.

Further, Alanara teaches a broadcasting message that includes more than one field, in which a specific field in the broadcasting message includes emergency numbers, road-side information, toll gate information, airline departure/arrival information, weather-related information, news, and financial information. In Alanara, the specific field of the broadcasting message to be transmitted contains the provided information, as is. Thus, Alanara does not teach or disclose decreasing the amount of received/transmitted data.

Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1, 3 and 5 under §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1, 3 and 5 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2, 4 and 6-8, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2, 4 and 6-8 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-8, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Farrell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "Farrell" clearly distinguishable.

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